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CONSULATE GENERAL APPROACHED BY AMERICAN CORRESPONDENTS REQUESTING RADIO FACILITIES IF FEASIBLE IF PEIPING OCCUPIED BY COMMUNISTS. IT IS ASSUMED NEWS SENT VIA CONSULATE GENERAL RADIO WITH SYSTEM CENSORSHIP SETUP BY COMMUNISTS. POSSIBILITY WAS NOTED THAT IN SUCH CASE COMMUNISTS MIGHT INSIST HAVING OBSERVER IN CONSULATE GENERAL RADIO ROOM.

BELIEVE ANY MESSAGES SENT FOR CORRESPONDENTS ONLY WITH APPROVAL COMMUNISTS UNDER CONDITIONS WHERE SUCH WOULD NOT TEND TO QUESTION RIGHT CONSULATE GENERAL USE STATION OFFICIAL PURPOSES. RECOMMEND I BE GRANTED AUTHORITY NEGOTIATE WITH COMMUNISTS FOR SUCH PERMISSION AT MY DISCRETION WHICH WOULD BE EXERCISED ONLY IF I FELT ASSURED SUCH NEGOTIATIONS AFOREMENTIONED TRANSMITTAL PRESS MESSAGES WOULD NOT JEOPARDIZE MY CONTROL RADIO STATION.

PROPOSE NOT UNDERTAKE MATTER IN ANY EVENT AFTER COMMUNISTS
OCCUPATION UNTIL SITUATION HAS SETTLED DOWN.

IN EVENT BREAKS DOWN NATIONALISTS RADIO PRIOR COMMUNISTS
OCCUPATION WOULD RECOMMEND CONSULATE GENERAL HANDLE LIMITED
NEWS INSOFAR AS (1) OFF TRAFFIC PERMITTED AND (2) NEWS STORIES
IN QUESTION WERE NOT OF NATURE WHICH MIGHT COMPROMISE STATION
IN EYE COMMUNISTS.

SHOULD APPRECIATE PROMPT INSTRUCTIONS.

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